

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7579–S7708*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3353–3362, S. Res. 629–631, and S. Con. Res. 96. **Pages S7629–30**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 618, recognizing the tenth anniversary of the bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and memorializing the citizens of the United States, Kenya, and Tanzania whose lives were claimed as a result of the al Qaeda led terrorist attacks.

S. 344, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

S. 1211, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1515, to establish a domestic violence volunteer attorney network to represent domestic violence victims, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2041, to amend the False Claims Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7628**

#### Measures Passed:

**College Opportunity and Affordability Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, agreed to Durbin (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 5250, in the nature of a substitute, and after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 1642, Senate companion measure, the bill was then passed. **Page S7591**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Kennedy, Dodd, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, Murray, Reed, Clinton, Obama, Sanders, Brown, Enzi, Gregg, Alexander, Burr, Isakson, Murkowski, Hatch, Roberts, Allard, and Coburn. **Page S7591**

**Measures Considered:**

**Jobs, Energy, Families, and Disaster Relief Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3335, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. **Page S7594**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S7594**

**Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6049, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief. **Page S7594**

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 190), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having not voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7595**

**Free Flow of Information Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2035, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media. **Pages S7595–S7619**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 30, 2008; provided further, that the hour prior to the cloture vote be equally divided and controlled by the two Leaders, or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the final 20 minutes under the control of the two Leaders, with the Majority Leader controlling the final 10 minutes prior to the vote, and with 10 minutes of majority time under the control of Senator Leahy; and that upon use or yielding back of time Senate then vote on the

motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7704**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—190) **Page S7595**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7704.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters, receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

### REGULATORY AND OVERSIGHT STRUCTURE OF INSURANCE INDUSTRY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the insurance industry, focusing on the current regulatory and oversight structure, after receiving testimony from Steven M. Goldman, New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, Trenton, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Travis B. Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Alessandro Iuppa, Zurich North America, on behalf of the American Insurance Association, and Franklin W. Nutter, Reinsurance Association of America, all of Washington, D.C.; John Pearson, Baltimore Life Insurance Company, Owings Mills, Maryland, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers; George A. Steadman, Rutherford Inc., Roanoke, Virginia, on behalf of the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers; Tom Minkler, Clark-Mortenson Agency, Keene, New Hampshire, on be-

half of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Inc.; and Richard M. Bouhan, National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices, Ltd., Kansas City, Missouri.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John P. Hewko, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### EPA

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), focusing on a recent court decision and its implications, after receiving testimony from Brian McLean, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Jared Snyder, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany; Christopher Korleski, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus; Eric B. Svenson, Jr., Public Service Enterprise Group, and John D. Walke, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and William H. Spence, PPL Corporation, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

### U.S. TRADE POLICY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of United States trade policy, focusing on perspectives from former United States Trade Representatives, after receiving testimony from former United States Senator William E. Brock, Brock Offices, Annapolis, Maryland; and Mickey Kantor, Mayer Brown, Carla A. Hills, Hills and Company, and Charlene Barshefsky, Wilmer Hale, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 3263, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people;

S. 3052, to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients;

S. Res. 618, recognizing the tenth anniversary of the bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and memorializing the citizens of the United States, Kenya, and Tanzania whose lives were claimed as a result of the al Qaeda led terrorist attacks;